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Subject: Caving to Microsoft

Please realize, firstly, that I am Canadian, and therefore understand if you do not heed my opinion as valid. That aside, I think it is horrible how you, as a branch of your nation's government, have caved to what I can only assume is a promise of relief in an economic downturn in return for a light settlement against Microsoft. First you allowed Microsoft to drag this case to the point of oblivion, (all the while costing your nation's taxpayers millions and millions and millions of dollars), a tactic obviously angled at wearing thin your government's willingness to prolong a costly battle, and then when you decide to come to a ruling, you dole them out a stern wrist slapping, with a padded belt. I do hope you realize that your decision makes the Department of Justice the laughing stock of governing bodies, (until another inevitably steps up to the plate, luckily for you), and those that live in your country have absolutely no confidence in your willingness to protect justice, let alone them. And how is it that you agreed to let Microsoft dictate TO YOU how you would implement 'punishment'? I suggest, heartily, that you change your department's title to "Department of Corporate Protection". This title would more aptly reflect your painfully obvious inclination towards serving only the corporations that inhabit the country, as opposed to the people. You do not offer justice, nor do you uphold it. Why do you bother using the title in your department's moniker?

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